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## Nyusi names new government

Most of President Nyusi's new government was named late today, with few new faces. Three key people retain their posts - **Carlos Rosário** as Prime Minister, **Adriano Maleiane** as Economy and Finance Minister, and **Celso Correia** (one of Nyusi's most trusted advisors) as Agriculture and Development Minister (dropping environment and taking on agriculture in a restructuring of two ministries).

Four other ministers remain in government. Max Elias Tonela remains Minerals Minister while João Osvaldo Machatine, named to Public Works less than a year ago, remains in post. Two change posts: Carmelita Rita Namashulua moves from State Administration to Education and Carlos Mesquita moves from Transport to Industry.

The two former top people in parliament, speaker Veronica Macamo and party bench head Margarida Talapa become Foreign and Labour ministers.

Two unsuccessful Frelimo candidates for mayor of Beira join the government.

Appointed so far are:

**Prime Minister** - Primeiro-Ministro: Carlos Agostino do Rosário (unchanged)

**Economy and Finance** - Ministro de Economia e Finanças: Adriano Afonso Maleiane (unchanged)

**Agriculture and Development** - Ministro da Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural: Celso Ismael Correia

**Land and Environment** - Ministra da Terra e Ambiente: Ivete Maibase (was national director of environment)

These are a reshaping of Land, Environment and Development (Ministro da Terra, Ambiente e Desenvolvimento Rural) where Correia was Minister, and Agriculture and Food Security - Ministério da Agricultura e Segurança Alimentar

**Foreign** - Ministro dos Negócios Estrangeiros e Cooperação: Veronica Macamo (Verónica Nataniel Macamo Dlhovo), was speaker of parliament

**Labour and Social Security** - Ministra do Trabalho, Emprego e Segurança Social: Margarida Adamugy Talapa (head of the Frelimo parliamentary bench)

**Defence** - Ministro da Defesa Nacional: Jaime Bessa Augusto Neto (MP from Sofala and vice president of parliamentary agriculture commission; unsuccessful Frelimo candidate for mayor of Beira in 2013; did thesis on solid waste disposal in Beira)

**Interior** - Ministro do Interior: Amade Miquidade (Deputy Director General of the security services, SISE)

**Sea, Inland Water, and Fish** - Ministra do Mar, Águas Interiores e Pescas: Augusta de Fátima Charifo Maita (Directo-General of the Instituto Nacional de Gestão de Calamidades (INGC) and unsuccessful candidate for Mayor of Beira in 2018).

**Minerals and Energy** - Ministro dos Recursos Minerais e Energia: Ernesto Max Elias Tonela (unchanged)

**Justice and Constitutional and Religious Affairs** - Ministra da Justiça, Assuntos Constitucionais e Religiosos: Helena Mateus Kida (Vice-Ministra do Interior)

**Health** - Ministro da Saúde: Armindo Daniel Tiago (Vice-Reitor para a Administração e Recursos, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane; Médico Especialista em Endocrinologia)

**Education and Human Development** - Ministra da Educação e Desenvolvimento Humano: Carmelita Rita Namashulua (Ministra da Administração Estatal e Função Pública)

**Industry and Commerce**: Ministro da Indústria e Comércio: Carlos Alberto Fortes Mesquita (Ministro dos Transportes e Comunicações)

**Transport and Communication** - Ministro dos Transportes e Comunicações: Janfar Abdulai

**Science, Technology, Higher Education** - Ministro da Ciência e Tecnologia, Ensino Superior e Técnico Profissional: Gabriel Ismael Salimo (Mathematics lecturer at UEM: PhD in Informatics from Universidade Fernando Pessoa, Porto.)

**Public Works and Water Resources** - Ministro das Obras Públicas e Recursos Hídricos: João Osvaldo Machatine (unchanged; named minister March 2019; Housing - Habitação - removed from Ministry)

**Culture and Tourism** - Ministra da Cultura e Turismo: Eldevina "Kika" Materula (professional oboe player and driving spirit behind the highly praised Xiquitsi youth orchestra)

Unfilled posts - all deputy ministers and

Ministro dos Combatentes

Ministro da Administração Estatal e Função Pública

Ministro na Presidência para os Assuntos da Casa Civil

Ministro da Juventude e Desportos

Ministro do Género, Criança e Acção Social

Key parliamentary positions have also been filled:

**Speaker** of parliament: Esperanca Bias (Minister of Mineral Resources until 2015, then took up her seat in parliament and since 2018 has chaired the Plan and Budget Commission)

**Head of Frelimo bench**: Sergio Pantie (deputy to Margarida Talapa, leaving to become Labour Minister). Deputy head will be Lucinda Malema.

**Head of Renamo bench**: Viana Magalhães (head of Renamo President Momade's office)

## Rain and war block Cabo Delgado

Torrential rain during more than two weeks has cut off northern Cabo Delgado, while the civil war continues.

The main - and only reasonable - road from Pemba north to the gas developments of Palma runs through Macomia to Mocimboa da Praia. But on 28 December flood waters washed out pillars causing several sections of a major bridge over the Montepuez river in Quissanga district to collapse. Two days later the rains also washed out a bridge over the Messalo river on the same road, in Muidumbe district.

The normal distance from Pemba to Palma by the washed out bridge is 400 km. The only route open at the moment goes a long way inland via Montepuez and Mueda; it is 600 km long of which 200 km is dirt, and is passible only by large 4X4 vehicles. Attempts are being made to bypass the Montepuez river bridge but that will take at least two more weeks.

Palma airport has re-opened and at least three companies are offering flights between Pemba and Palma.

Flooding on the Messalo river also swept away a pylon on the electricity transmission line running from Macomia to Ouasse on Monday (13 Jan). Power to the districts of Muidumbe, Nangade, Mueda, Mocimboa da Praia and Palma was cut and is unlikely to be restored until Tuesday. (*Noticias* 16 Jan)

The EDM northern director of transmission, Felisberto Uissitomo, said the material and equipment needed to cross the swollen Messalo has been mobilised. Vehicles cannot reach the site of the fallen pylon. All the cables and other equipment needed must be carried on porters' heads for about ten kilometres. There are also security concerns as the site is within an area that has been affected by insurgent raids.

Guerrillas last week attacked a Land Cruiser near Chapa village in Mueda district on the road from Mueda town to Montepuez - the only open road from Pemba to Palma. (*Carta de Moçambique* 17 Jan)

No one was killed or injured in the attack, which was carried out by people wearing police uniforms, believed to have been stolen. This is the second attack in Mueda district; the first occurred in November in Nastengi village.

Last week's attackers are thought to be the same group which, a few days before, attacked Magaia village in Muidumbe district.

Meanwhile three members of the defence and security forces in Mucojo administrative post, Macomia district were arrested by police. They are accused of stealing goods from local shops last Sunday, and of vandalising three stalls.

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### Special reports

#### Mozambique heroin transit trade

English - LSE - <http://bit.ly/Moz-heroin>

Portuguese - Pt - CIP - <http://bit.ly/Moz-heroina>

#### Gas for development?

Gas\_for\_development\_or\_just\_for\_money?\_2015 [bit.ly/MozGasEng](http://bit.ly/MozGasEng)

Gás\_para\_desenvolvimento\_ou\_apenas\_dinheiro?\_2015 [bit.ly/MozGasPt](http://bit.ly/MozGasPt)

Social protection report - 2017 Mozambique - <http://bit.ly/MozSocPro>

Special report on four poverty surveys: [bit.ly/MozPoverty](http://bit.ly/MozPoverty)

2018 Constitution - <http://bit.ly/2KF588T>

Minimum wage and exchange rates 1996-2018 -- <http://bit.ly/MinWage18>

#### \$2bn secret debt - in English

Kroll - Full report on \$2bn debt - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-Moz-full>

Kroll report summary - <http://bit.ly/Kroll-sum>

Key points of Mozambique parliament report - Nov 2016 - <http://bit.ly/MozAR-debt-En>

Following the donor-designed path to Mozambique's \$2.2 bn debt - <http://bit.ly/3WQ-hanlon>

#### In Portuguese:

Parliamentary Report on the Secret Debt (complete) [bit.ly/MozAR-debt](http://bit.ly/MozAR-debt)

**Election study collaboration:** We have detailed election data from 1999 through 2014 and are

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Election newsletters are on <http://bit.ly/2H066Kg>

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Bangladesh confronts climate change (2016)  
Chickens and beer: A recipe for agricultural growth in Mozambique (2014)  
Há Mais Bicicletas – mas há desenvolvimento? (2008)  
Moçambique e as grandes cheias de 2000 (2001)  
Paz Sem Benefício: Como o FMI Bloqueia a Reconstrução (1997)  
Peace Without Profit: How the IMF Blocks Rebuilding (1996)  
Mozambique: Who Calls the Shots (1991)  
Mozambique: The Revolution Under Fire (1984)

**Two more will be available shortly to download:**

Apartheid's 2nd Front (1986)  
Mozambique and the Great Flood of 2000

**These are still available for sale:**

Galinhas e cerveja: uma receita para o crescimento (2014) (free in English)  
Zimbabwe takes back its land (2013)  
Just Give Money to the Poor: The Development Revolution from the Global South (2010)  
Do bicycles equal development in Mozambique? (2008) (free in Portuguese)  
Beggar Your Neighbours: Apartheid Power in Southern Africa (1986)

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**Mozambique media websites, Portuguese:**

Notícias: [www.jornalnoticias.co.mz](http://www.jornalnoticias.co.mz)  
O País: [www.opais.co.mz](http://www.opais.co.mz)  
@Verdade: <http://www.verdade.co.mz>  
Carlos Serra Diário de um sociólogo: <http://oficinadesociologia.blogspot.com>

**Mozambique media websites, English:**

Club of Mozambique: <http://clubofmozambique.com/>  
Zitamar: <http://zitamar.com/>  
Macauhub English: <http://www.macauhub.com.mo/en/>  
AIM Reports: [www.poptel.org.uk/mozambique-news](http://www.poptel.org.uk/mozambique-news)

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